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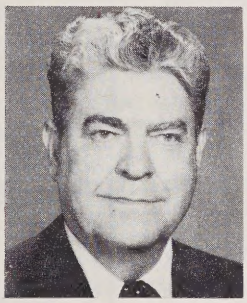

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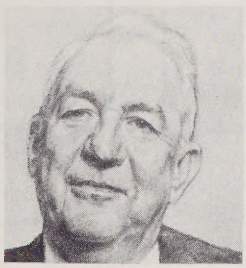

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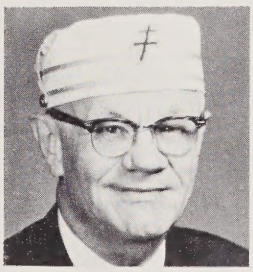

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R. L. PUGH, 33°

"The 200 Reunion" will begin in just a few days after you have received this copy of the BAGPIPE. Our plans for a tremendous Reunion have been completed and we are looking forward to those three days, hoping that we can intensify the enthusiasm and interest that already have been so pronounced!

We have had some excellent and stimulating reports from all areas of our Valley and these reports convince us that we will have the largest class that we have had in many a year.

We have some additional features for this "200 Reunion" which are scheduled and we would like for as many of our Brethren as possible to be present for these activities. First of all, our Awards Night, during the Tuesday evening dinner hour, will feature a presentation of fifty-year Veterans caps to some of our Brethren who have become eligible. It will also feature the presentation of 32° jewelled caps and Service Award Medals to those of our industrious Brethren who earned them last season.

"The 200 Reunion" presents some features entirely different from the presentation of other Reunions. This one promises to be the most outstanding of all because we will have some of the most distinguished Masons in North America here for it! Of course our Inspector General, James Guy Johnston, Jr., 33°, and his lovely wife, Sarah will be with us, which in itself is sufficiently outstanding. In addition to him, however, we will have as one of the outstanding honored guests of the Reunion, our dynamic Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother, Jacob C. Goodman, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., of Charlotte, N. C. Our Grand Master has done a wonderful job in carrying Masonry to all of North Carolina and we are proud indeed to have him with us.

We once again would like to direct the attention of all of our Brethren to an important change in our schedule for degree presentation on Thursday. The 30°will be conferred at 9:00 A.M. instead of 9:30 as heretofore. The mid-day lunch will be served at 11:45 A.M.and the 31° will be conferred promptly at 1:00 P.M. instead of 1:30 as heretofore. The 32° will go on at 3:00 P.M., and we hope that in this change the 32° will conclude about 4:00 or 4:30. This will permit our Brethren to return to their homes in the early evening, thus complying with the request so many of them have made during previous Reunions.

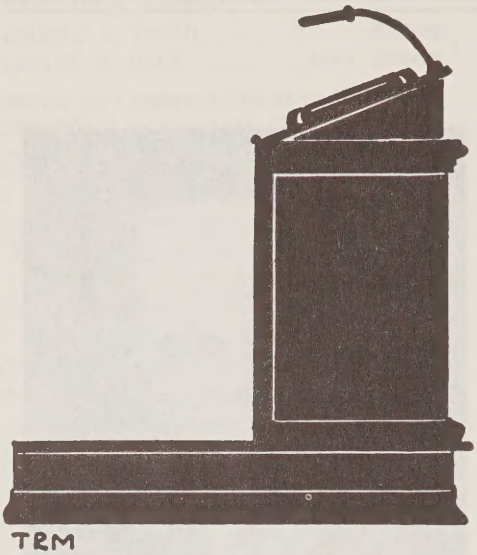
Now remember this: the final banquet of the Reunion will be held Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock and it will be in Sudan Temple Shrine Auditorium. As the featured speaker of this concluding banquet, we are indeed honored to have our Illustrious Brother Sam J. Ervin, Jr., 33°, Grand Cross. This beloved Brother not only distinguished himself as our Senator in Congress, but he also is the proud bearer of the highest honor the Supreme Council can bestow upon any man, the Grand Cross. Brother Ervin very graciously accepted the invitation to bring the address on this occasion honoring your Secretary. Furthermore, we can promise you that the activities of the banquet hour will cease in time to permit your arrival at your home at a reasonable hour. We do not want you to miss this, however, because the banquet itself promises to be an ending climax to the efforts of our many Brethren who have labored so hard to make this Reunion the greatest ever.

In the meantime, there are still a few days left for you to contact your prospective candidate. Let's make use of the remaining days as best we can.

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

A BEAUTIFUL SYSTEM OF MORALS

There comes a time in every man's life when he must take an inventory of himself, why he is really here? What he must try to do and wherein he can get the most out of this life, that is given to him. There is one settled fact to begin with, namely, we will never get out of this life alive. Each of us has certain responsibilities to ourselves, to our loved ones, and to that multitude of people who live round about us. In considering these things, we must choose between one of two avenues of thought. Some men base their belief only on those things that they can see demonstrated before their very eyes. To them knowledge is the beginning and the end of everything. Faith has no place in their plans; it is only for the mystic.

However those same individuals would not refuse electricity, they love their radios and T.V. They never stop to think and honestly wonder how or why? So it is with man's faith, this strange power cannot be analyzed by the human mind, but those who have used it and have enjoyed its many blessings do not need to have it dissected or taken apart for their eyes to see.

My belief in Scottish Masonry is mine, it belongs to me. I cannot really pass it on to another. Each person must develop his own system of morals as he reads, attends the reunions, and takes part in its many activities. To me, Scottish Masonry contains the most beautiful system of morals of any movement, save our church.

It is most important that men learn to think in these troubled times, because we cannot get out of this life alive. This involves faith, *we must believe in God, We must believe in ourselves, and what we can mean to others round about us.* I shall never believe that God's plan of creation was for us to do nothing, to be of no value to anyone; simply to exist and pass on unnoticed to the great beyond.

Scottish Masonry like a loving and wise mother prefers to teach by influence and atmosphere and by means of a spirit which seems to infiltrate those about its presence. It seems to grow within you, it never drives you, neither does it intrude, it is a matter of gentle persuasion. All that Scottish Masonry requires is that we express a belief in God. It does not require that we analyze these thoughts. It simply lays them before us with words and actions. We are left to choose the path, we wish to follow.

No man can put such a belief in words, nor does Scottish Rite Masonry ask you to do so. All that it seeks to ask is, *simply, and humbly "in whom you put your trust," and then it shows us the way to find the basis of that Trust.* Scottish Masonry asks you to think, to consider yourself and what you can be and can mean to others. It does this because, it is a fact, that we will never get out of this life alive.

Scottish Rite Masonry teaches men the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man; then it shows you that it is impossible to enjoy life at its best without it. Scottish Masonry believes that people can live together in the same world with peace and harmony, even with different ideals and different ideas. It shows one how they can make room in the same world for others, by creating a place in their lives that only others can fill.

Yes, I believe that Scottish Masonry raises our eyes upward and inward; so that we cannot help but see God and see Man. I believe that the world is challenging each one of us to reaffirm our faith in Masonry, in God, and in ourselves. I believe that Scottish Masonry can help us in our daily relations with man by teaching us how to live. I believe this because I have seen it tried and tested in times of stress and strain.

Thus I know that Scottish Masonry is one of the most beautiful systems of morals on earth, and I am glad that I am a small part of that great movement, and I am proud to pass it on to others.

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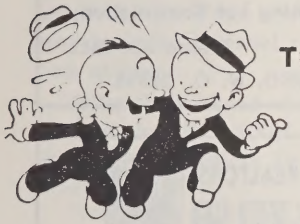

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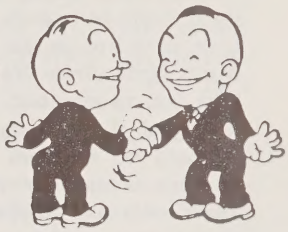

Someone is waiting for you to invite him to become a Scottish Rite Mason . . . Don't disappoint him.

Candidates will be housed at Sudan Temple dormitory - Tuesday and Wednesday nights, November 14 and 15, free of charge. Meals will be served in the dining room of the Scottish Rite Temple building. Please be sure your candidate has been alerted of this for our November Reunion.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 15 and 16, 1978

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1978

Registration ..... 7:30-10:00 A.M.
4° "Secret Master" ..... 10:00 A.M.
5° "Perfect Master" ..... 10:45 A.M.
6° "Confidential Secretary" ..... 11:45 A.M.
7° "Provost and Judge" ..... 12:15 P.M.
Luncheon ..... 1:00 P.M.
8° "Intendant of Building" ..... 2:15 P.M.
9° "Elu of Nine" ..... 3:00 P.M.
10° "Elu of Fifteen" ..... 4:00 P.M.
11° "Elu of Twelve" ..... 4:45 P.M.
12° Communicated
13° "Royal Arch of Solomon" ..... 5:45 P.M.
Dinner - Awards' Night ..... 6:30 P.M.
14° "Perfect Elu" ..... 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1978

15° "Knight of the East" ..... 9:15 A.M.
16° Communicated
17° "Knight of the East and West" ..... 11:15 A.M.
Luncheon - Greetings from our Inspector General ..... 12:00 P.M.
18° "Knight of Rose Croix" ..... 1:15 P.M.
19° Communicated
20° "Master of Symbolic Lodge p3:30 P.M.
21° "Noachite of Prussian Knight" ..... 4:45 P.M.
22°-25° Communicated
26° "Prince of Mercy" ..... 5:30 P.M.
Dinner. Greetings from our Grand Master ..... 6:30 P.M.
27° "Knight Commander of the Temple" ..... 7:30 P.M.
28° Communicated
29° "Scottish Knight of St. Andrew" ..... 8:45 P.M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1978

30° "Knight Kadosh" ..... 9:00 A.M.
Luncheon ..... 11:45 P.M.
31° "Inspector Inquisitor" ..... 1:00 P.M.
32° "Master of Royal Secret" 3:00 P.M.
Banquet ..... 5:30 P.M.

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Oh! If the world would understand
The whole of God's eternal plan,
We'd not fail to help another;
Each would be to each a brother.
Love is to life, as life to love,
A gift divine from Heaven above;
'Tis God as manifest in thee,
A symbol, if we'd only see.
I'll help my brothers do their best
So when at last they're laid to rest
Their souls may rise to Heaven where
They'll wait until I join them there.
I'd hate to travel down life's road
And lighten not another's load.
I can't imagine God's high throne
And me before it -- all alone.

--Vesey

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SPEAKING IN QUOTES: Many a man thinks he is following his natural bent, when he is just too lazy to straighten up.

Some folks don't put their boot forward until they get the other one in hot water.

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It is better to be nobly remembered, than nobly born.

----Ruskin

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"There are two things we can be sure of --Death and Taxes." But one thing about Death. It doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

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Always be tolerant with a person who disagrees with you. After all, he has a right to his ridiculous opinions. --Quote

SPEAKING WITH THE LADIES: An old lady kept asking the bus driver to tell her when they arrived at a certain small town. She asked so often that finally the driver got nervous and passed through the small town before he realized it. He apologized to the other passengers, turned around, and drove back. Then he said to the old lady: "This is the town where you wanted to get out."

"Who wants to get out?" she answered.

The driver said: "You did."

"No," she said, "my daughter told me that when I pass through this town, I should take my pills."

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One way for a girl to get a mink coat is to find a wolf and skin him.

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A woman was bemoaning the fact that her husband had left her for the sixth time.

"Never mind," consoled the neighbor. "He'll be back again."

"Not this time," sobbed the wife. "He's taken his golf clubs this time."

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A woman driver made a right turn from a left lane and collided with another car. The other driver angrily asked, "Lady, why didn't you signal?"

Without a moment's hesitation, she replied, "Mister, I always turn here."

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Overheard at an auction sale: "Sold to the lady with her husband's hand over her mouth."

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SPEAKING IN JEST: Two income tax collectors died and arrived at the pearly gates. Just ahead of them were two clergymen, but St. Peter motioned them aside and took the internal revenuers into heaven at once.

"Why them ahead of us?" the surprised men of the cloth asked. "Haven't we done everything possible to spread the good word?"

"Yes," said St. Peter, "but those internal revenue men scared the hell out of more people than you ever did."

Like our forefathers, we have much for which to be thankful. They found time to pause and give thanks for bare necessities. . . we pause to give thanks for our abundance. At this Thanksgiving Season, we give thanks for our blessings and extend to you and all our friends best wishes for a happy, hearty Thanksgiving.

The young artist kissed his model smack on the lips.

"I'll bet you do that to all your models," she said when she had regained her composure.

"No," he replied, "you are the first."

"How many have you had?" she inquired.

"Exactly four," he answered. "A rose, an onion, a banana and you."

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After the hillbilly wedding one of the local citizens approached the bride's father and said:

"Hey, Zeke, your son-in-law marched up to the altar as though he had lead in his pants!"

Zeke shifted his chaw of tobacco, spat out of the side of his mouth and replied: "He did."

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SPEAKING FROM HIS BOOK: A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.....Prov 15:1

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SOMETHING ELSE

Every now and then in this column I tell about some episode in which Mary Frances is the star performer. A lot of folks seem to think I make up these tales, but I don't. They are all factual. I am a very truthful person.

Well, factual or not, Mary Frances announced the other day that things are getting sort of one-sided. She said there are some things I've done that would bear telling. She said, in fact, if I didn't tell some of them she was going to get Bob Pugh to let her write an article for the Bagpipe and then I would REALLY be sorry.

I sort of mulled that over and then I told her I just couldn't think of anything of the nature she was describing. So she said she thought, for example, that people would be right interested to know that I once undressed in a theater. Well, now, I didn't completely undress--just mostly. And, like I told her, it was something anybody might have done. Come to think of it, though, I never heard of anybody else that did.

And how about the time, she reminded me, that I came within an inch or two of pinching a strange woman. Now this was a perfectly logical mistake. We were at a church picnic and this woman had her back to me, from which viewpoint she

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

looked to me remarkably like Mary Frances, and I just thought I'd walk over and sort of affectionately let her know I was still around. You know, my fingers were right on the very verge of pinching when this woman turned her head and I saw she wasn't Mary Frances and my face felt like it would burn up. It didn't get as hot, though, as it would have if I had completed that pinch.

Mary Frances sort of jogged my recollection about how I destroy things I set out to fix. I told her I thought she was sort of exaggerating and she had to bring up the time I tried to replace a broken toilet seat and wound up busting the commode. Another one--one she'll never let me forget--was the time our little boy's favorite telephone got so the bell wouldn't ring and I decided--against her expressed wishes--to fix it. She said when I got through with that phone the bell still wouldn't ring, the dial wouldn't turn, and the phone would not even go back together. I just couldn't remember the results being all that disastrous, although I must admit I seem to remember our son was sort of disappointed in the outcome. Mary Frances says a radical with a live hand grenade poses no greater threat than I do with a screwdriver.

She also accused me of being a disaster in the kitchen, never forgetting the time I cracked some eggs and dropped them in the floor instead of in the frying pan,

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and always recalling such minor items as burnt roast, rare chicken, dirty dishes, and lumpy grits. Well, she didn't even mention the fact that I whip up a mean bowl of cornflakes, or that the kids always loved my peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

In times of stress I tend to get my words sort of mixed up, she reminded me. I couldn't think of any occurrences of that nature, and so stated. She could, though, and promptly dredged up from her memory an occasion when we were having a right spirited disagreement and I asked her if she wanted me to "get down on my nez and beeg her." I further discovered she had not forgotten the time our son was sick and I called the doctor to describe the symptoms, telling the doctor our son's "eggs were laking." (I remember the doctor got a right good bang out of that one, too.) And Mary Frances just won't never forget the preacher asking me if I took this woman to be my lawful wedded wife and me telling him "yes, sir" instead of "I do."

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 14, 1978

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Thomas Anthony Tatarinowicz, H. L. Lundy, Marshall Harvey and Lee K. Allen.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Jack Edwards, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Dewey Gillikin, Leroy Price, H. L. Lundy, W. C. Kellum, Bill Stovall, T. H. Miller, Irvin Garrish and Robert Spivey

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Leslie H. Garner, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by W. J. Rogers, Chas. P. Gaskins and Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by S. Frank Noble, L. L. Parker, Bill Stovall, I. H. Carson, Elmer Burroughs and Billy Haire.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by C. F. Lewis, S. C. Chadwick, Jr., Dallas Willis, Sam Taylor and Tom Carraway.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. Robert Ray Harrison, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, Guy Langston, L. T. Barrington, Marshall Harvey, Coy Wetherington, Elijah Cannon, Gus Laube, W. C. Kellum and W. Stanley Kellum.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. Ottis R. Jefferson, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Bill Blair, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., J. L. Ashley, Jerry T. Whitford, H. C. Lilly, Dusty Rhoades, Royce Jordan, Garland E. Taylor, John H. Lilly and Elmer Burroughs.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Jewett, Neil Vester, Eddie Paul, Jr., William C. Kellum, Elmer Burroughs and Dalton Bright.

12°—Communicated.

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5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. Bill Blair, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wilmer Chesson, Jack G. White, Pete Thomas and E. P. Blair.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner. Awards' Night.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Marshall Harvey, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Wm. R. Waters, Tommy Phelps, Bob Divoky, Howard B. Divoky, Howard B. Constant, Jack Edwards, William N. Vestal, Jr., Constant, Jack Edwards, William N. Vestal, Jr., Jerry Stapleford, Oscar Kafer, III, Billy Haire and Raymond C. Smith, II.

Wednesday, November 15, 1978

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. W. C. Chesson, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Chas T. Potter, O. J. Aldridge, C. Wallace Jackson, Al Hearren, Dusty Rhoades, Richard P. Geary, Lee Gearhart, Tom McCree, Billy Haire, Jesse Vail, Gus Laube, Guy Langston and James P. Brulet.

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Pete Thomas, Edward Ray Edwards, Roy Edwards, Jim Coile, Rudolph Guirkins, Virgil Dowden and Jesse M. Williams.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. A. T. Willis, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by S. A. McPherson, Jr., R. L. Pugh, Eddie Paul, Jr. and Wm. R. Waters.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by William P. Jackson, Warren H. Cooledge, Joe Dryden, R. Hoyt Randall, Ernest C. Yelm, Harold B. Fisher, Jack Lewis and James Hay.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. Oscar Aldridge, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Kermit Guthrie, W. H. Scott, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Johnny West, Marshall Harvey, Gus Laube and Jack Edwards.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercy. Reynold S. Davenport, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, Louie J. Smith, Charles W. Summerlin, Angus D. Hatsell, Royden Caulk, Frank A. Smith, Thomas W. McCree, F. N. Yopp and Jesse Sellers.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. E. W. Paul, Jr., 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, W. R. Newell, A. T. Willis, Jr., Wm. R. Waters, W. H. Scott, Bill Blair, William N. Vestal,, Jr., Elwood Cayton, Roger Dalton, Tommy Phelps and Harold Mills.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Clinton E. Bunch, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Walter T. Kirby, Wilbourne M. Smith, Everett Brothers, Carlice Williams, Theron Dabbs, Wilton Walker, Jr., Herbert Lang, Stuart Horner and Lester Spruill.

Thursday, November 16, 1978

9:00 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.
1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 33°, Master. Assisted by Clifton White and Francis W. Clark.
2nd Apartment: James H. Bailey, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. Herndon Alexander and Dalton D. Bright.
3rd Apartment: Dennis Boyette, 32°, Master. Assisted by E. S. Sasser, T. Bruce Boyette, Cecil Boyette, Clifton Matthews, Mark L. Ellis and Walter Lamm.
4th Apartment: Carl Aycock, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master. Assisted by Claude A. Anthony, E. S. Sasser and Herman L. Barnes.

11:45 A.M. —Luncheon.

1:00 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. L. T. Barrington, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, A. N. Heath, Reynold S. Davenport, Eddie Paul, Jr., Chas. T. Potter, Pete Thomas, Johnny West, Oscar Aldridge, Charles Dickinson, Neil Vester and Gus Laube.

3:00 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. Wm. R. Leggett, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Donald Hinds, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, John D. Charlton, Amos Leggett, Robert Dawson, Carroll Mercer, Marvin Kornegay, Ronald C. Wall, Gus Laube, Ralph Dudley and Jerry Stapleford.

5:30 P.M. —Banquet honoring Robert L. Pugh, P.G.M., 33°, Speaker of the evening—Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., 33°, G. C.

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A THANKFUL HEART

One of the great days in America is that time known as Thanksgiving Day. This is a day when we recollect all the blessings which God's bounty has conferred upon us in that particular year. The blessings of God are more evident to us when our hearts eagerly, gladly, and thankfully receive them. He was a wise person who admonished us to "Count your blessings. Name them one by one. It will surprise you what God has done." That is good psychology. It would be wise for us to examine this habit of counting our blessings, and see why it does us a world of good to count them.

First, there is the power of recollection. If we get into the habit of counting our blessings, we soon find ourselves recounting them in more ways than one. In a recent television program we saw a young lady who was tired of life and greatly spoiled. She had been taking sedatives to get out of her situation. As a matter of fact, she had taken an overdose! The brilliant doctor said to her, rather caustically, "you talk of not wanting to live! Get out of this room and stand in the halls and see the hundreds who are crying just to live!" She was compelled to walk through the emergency reception area. As she leaned against the wall, her very face revealed great shame for ever having entertained such ideas as she had entertained. She realized her great blessings. To recount is to recall, to bring to mind. As we count, we find ourselves recounting, obtaining great joy, strength, and peace. Our minds become the clearer as we recount the goodness of God. The Psalmist declared: "How precious are thy thoughts, O God, unto me. How great is the sum of them. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sands of the sea; when I awake I am still with thee." How some of us, who tend to grow despondent over our lot in life, need to repeat that statement until it burns into our very soul.

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Secondly, when we exercise the power of recollection, we begin to reconstruct our life under the guidance of God. Those things which seem so unexplainable begin to fit into the proper places. We pick up, bit by bit, the missing pieces of life's jig-saw puzzle. We see that the events of our life are not haphazard. They are not the result of mere chance. We are watched and guided. Even when we are the victim of illness or accidents of this mortal life, we may learn to recognize the overuling power of God turning good out of evil. There is never a storm in our life but that God will bring a rainbow, if we will but allow Him so to do. This experience of seeking and learning how God does rule our daily life - whether in joy or pain — success or failure - hope or disappointment - helps us not only to reconstruct for ourselves the true worth

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and meaning of our experience; but thereby we add strength and nobility to our own character. The diamond is made the more brillant and beautiful by polishing and grinding. In all the experiences that come to us, God can use them to polish our souls to the brillant and beautiful for which they were created.

So we rebuild our life and outlook upon the world in which we live. The kind of thoughts upon which we dwell determines what our outlook is. If we look for the mud, like the mud we become. It is possible for us to dwell among the stars. There is one man who awakes and says, "This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it"; while another greets the dawn with "O God, another day!"

Some think God's blessings must be sought afar,
And hurry forth again,
Haply to find where the deserts are,
And slow dromedaries stare and strain.
O borne in Elijah's rushing car
From the mid-court of heaven's august domain.
And on their threshold, lo! They pass the man
Who stood and knocked, and brought it in the van
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Count your blessings this year and see what God has done for you. Then render your life to Him as a Thanksgiving offering for all his blessings bestowed upon you.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club, held its regular meeting at Overton's Riverside Restaurant, Jamesville, N.C., Thursday night, September 14, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. Brother Johnny West and his wife Minnie Ray, Brother Marshall Harvey and his wife were present with us.

Johnny addressed the club bringing us an excellent program concerning Scottish Rite Masonry, out-lining its many benefits to Master Masons, its history through the years and, how it operates in the valley of New Bern. His address was very inspirational, enthusiastic, and well received, putting special stress on the slogan, "get out and work" which is the secret of our success in obtaining "200 for Bob" this Nov. reunion. Each one can be proud of having a part in this great accomplishment.

His talk, brought to my mind, the slogan "keep awake-stay alert", on the New Jersey Turnpike, which is excellent advise. Most of us who drive on modern highways recognize the possibility of succombing to the spell of monotony, numbed by uneventful mile after mile, we could suddenly come upon a traffic pile up or some other hazardous condition, and grind too late to a screeching halt. To guard against such danger, the driver is warned by frequent flashing lights "Keep awake-stay alert".

On the other hand, the opposite is also true. It is important to stay alert not simply to avoid danger but also to appreciate the beauty along the way. Another sign, which we saw some time ago as we passed a particular point, said: "You missed it. You are already by it.".

Evidently, we had passed something we should have seen. We could be the poorer because of it, and all because we didn't keep ourselves alert to the possibility. And that's the way life is for many of us.

Bible readers will recognize this superb truth in a passage which recounts the Transfiguration incident in the life of Jesus. "But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory."

Jesus and that precious few who frequently accompanied Him, had gone to a certain place. The disciples were weary. Yet something was about to occur that had never happened before. It was to leave an indelible mark upon their hearts. They almost missed it. Only as they struggled to keep themselves awake and forced themselves to stay alert did they see Jesus as they had never seen Him before. Only as they disciplined themselves to remain sensitive did they hear the Voice of heaven and experience firsthand the divine approval of their Master.

Ask any committed Scottish Rite Mason, and chances are that he will tell you that it takes discipline and effort to see Scottish Rite Masonry as it really is. Masons who are so preoccupied with other things of this world, whose eyes are weary from strength misspent can't very easily see Scottish Rite Masonry with all its blessings. And because of this they miss a great opportunity to bring its blessings to a brother.

Those who have had a part in obtaining "200 for Bob" in this great class, can never forget the great contribution to the betterment of mankind, and the privilege of honoring one of our great leaders.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Chowan County Scottish Rite Club Honors Prospective Candidates

Seeking more light? Join the Scottish Rite! Just one of the many beautifully printed signs placed strategically on the walls of the gaily decorated dining room of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, Edenton, N.C. on Wednesday, September 13th, when the Chowan County Scottish Rite Club held its banquet honoring prospective candidates for the Scottish Rite degrees. Among other eye-catching signs the prospective candidates just couldn't miss were: "I won't feel at ease until I get those other 29 degrees" and "Let's do a good job - attend the '200' for Bob". Broad smiles and a spirit of friendliness were in full bloom.

Dinner was served Buffet style and consisted of country ham, sugar cured ham and chicken furnished by the Club and every conceivable home cooked veg-

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etable, casseroles, salads, homemade pickles, relishes and the most luscious desserts brought as "covered dishes" by our ladies. Our beverage, homemade rolls and butter were served by the ladies of our Eastern Star Chapter No. 302.

When everyone was seated in their designated spot, President of the Chowan County Scottish Rite Club and Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Thomas H. Dilday, called everyone to order and introduced Bro. James Byrum who gave the Invocation.

Following dinner, Pres. Dilday introduced Brother Larry Swindell. He delivered the Address of Welcome, recognized our distinguished guests and their ladies, and our prospective candidates and their wives. A package of information containing pertinent data of interest was presented to each prospective candidate by Bro. Roy Forehand and Bro. "Dusty" Rhodes, KCCH.

For our pleasure and entertainment, Pres. Dilday introduced Bro. Sammy Byrum and His Rocky Hock Rebels. The Band consisted of Pele Belch on the electric lead guitar, Melvin Griffin, Sammy Byrum and Melvin Harrell on Guitars, Marvin Evans, Bass Guitar, Sammy Morris, Drums and Banjo and Anniebelle Byrum on the piano. The program was delightful with plenty of good toe-tapping music, voices in harmony and a particularly humorous reading. Needless to say, the program was enthusiastically received and enjoyed by all.

Our Past District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Bill Goodwin, was introduced by Pres. Dilday, who in turn introduced Bro.

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Cecil E. Winslow,/DDGM a native of Hertford, N.C. and three times Master of his Lodge.

Bro. Winslow spoke briefly on Masonry, commenting that it was a way of life for him and had been for the past twenty-seven years, adding "the Bible tells us to let our light shine".

Speaking directly to prospective candidates, he stated: "If we had to pay for the worth of what the Scottish Rite means to us, I don't think there is one in this room who could afford to pay for it. When you go to New Bern, sit in that auditorium, realize and take in the grandeur, I dare say you will be walking lightly and burdens will be lifted from your shoulders."

Pres. Dilday then introduced Bro. B. Kent Rowley who took the Scottish Rite degrees at the Spring Reunion in New Bern. He testified that it was one of the greatest experiences of his life and that he could not adequately express just what it did mean to him. "There was music, drama and a lesson in each degree. You will never see anything on T.V. to equal what you'll witness in New Bern. I encourage every one of you to go through this experience".

With a twinkle in his eye, Bro. Johnny West, 33°, commented that he had brought a gift to be presented to Mrs. Alice Twiddy. Because Bro. Twiddy had been traveling all over North Carolina, she could cap him, kiss him and carry him home.

Bro. West commented on the delicious meal served and said that he and his wife had wasted quite a bit of money in the last two weeks going to Nashville, Tenn. when all they had to do was to come down to Edenton and hear just as good or better.

He brought greetings from Dr. Robert Pugh, saying that he was doing very well and expects to be at the Reunion. He gave a glowing tribute to Bro. Pugh indicating that he is a man that will help anyone regardless of his station in life - whether it was at the top or the bottom. He would take their problem and see it to the end. "He will help in any way he possibly can".

He then explained the history of Scottish Rite and what the prospective candidate could expect, step by step, when they arrived in New Bern for the Reunion November 14-15-16.

He concluded by saying "if Scottish Rite is a blessing in your life, it must be shared - find a friend and share it with him".

Pres. Dilday graciously recognized and expressed appreciation to each and everyone who had contributed to this enjoyable evening. He requested that everyone stand for a moment of silent prayer for Bro. Pugh. Bro. Carlton Jackson concluded by giving the Benediction.

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With heartfelt appreciation I would like to thank Maggie B., Columnist for the Chowan Herald, for writing this article.

Thomas H. Dilday, Pres.
Chowan Co. Scottish Rite Club

Dare Scottish Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club held their fall Ladies night on Tuesday, September 19, 1978, at the Elizabethan Restaurant in Manteo.

The invocation was given by Brother Willett Tillett, 32°. A buffet dinner was enjoyed by all. President Melvin Basnight recognized the Candidates and their Ladies, introduced the officers and thanked them and the members for a successful dinner.

Brother Francis Clark, 33°, introduced the speaker for the evening, Brother Eddie Paul, Jr., 33°, of New Bern, N.C., Brother Paul gave a very interesting talk on Scottish Rite Masonry and the Fall Reunion in New Bern, all members and candidates were urged to attend and make this the biggest reunion ever.

The meeting was closed by Brother Basnight.

Roy E. Midgett, 32°
Secretary

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

On July 3rd the Club had a Shrimp Supper at Eureka Lodge, this was well attended by 150 Brothers and Ladies, and everyone enjoyed it very much.

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On September 18, a regular meeting at Tuck's Restaurant.

Meeting was called to order by President Joseph Winslow, Jr. Invocation was given by Bro. Milton Walker, Bro. Eddie Paul, Jr. of New Bern gave a talk on the fall reunion.

Everyone enjoyed a good supper. There were 18 members present and two prospective Candidates, both of them filled out their applications and turned them over to Bro. Eddie Paul. We were real pleased that these two Brothers took the steps.

Bro. Walter Kirby announced that our Ladies Night would be held on October 6, at Eureka Lodge in Elizabeth City.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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"THE 200 REUNION" — NOVEMBER 14, 15 and 16

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Ladies' Night

On October 6th the New Bern Consistory sponsored a Ladies' Night Party in Elizabeth City for the surrounding area. The guests were greeted by the President of the Scottish Rite Club, Joseph Winslow, Jr., 32°, and the invocation was given by Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., 32°, and an Address of Welcome was given by Walter Kirby, 33° which was responded to by Mrs. Joseph Winslow, Jr.

A delicious supper was prepared and served by the ladies of the Elizabeth City Chapter #44 O.E.S., after which W.M. "Coonie" Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H., introduced the speaker, who was Brother Nelson B. Banks, 33°, Director of the Work, and Recorder of Sudan Temple. Brother Banks gave a very inspiring talk on the up-coming Reunion and the meaning of Scottish Rite Masonry.

The party was attended by about 230 members and their ladies and everyone declared it was one of the best ever!

Brother Stuart Horner, 32°, K.C.C.H., gave the benediction.

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club held its meeting on Monday, October 9, 1978, at the V.F.W. Hut on Highway 11, South of Grifton.

There were fifteen members, and two candidates for the Fall Reunion, present. The Invocation was given by Brother Pete Beaman, 32° after which a delicious charcoal-broiled steak, with all the trimmings, was enjoyed by all.

Brother Jim Hudson, 32°, read a beautifully written article from the October issue of The Bagpipe, written by The Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H., entitled "Why I Want to be There".

Some very interesting remarks were made about the Upcoming Fall Reunion by several of the Brethren present.

Following these discussions, there being no further business, the Benediction was given by Brother Walter Murphy, 32°, and the meeting adjourned.

Howard O. Reynolds, Jr., 32°
Scribe

New Bern Scottish Rite

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Monday night, October 9th, 1978, at 7:30 P.M. Vice-President Marion D. Opphile presided in the absence of the president. There were twenty members present. Invocation was given by Brother Charles F. Dickinson.

Minutes of the September 11th meeting were read and approved.

Bro. E. W. Paul., 33°, reported that plans had been finalized for the dinner for prospective candidates and members; the dinner will be held at the Berne Restaurant November 11, 1978, at seven o' clock.

Bro. E. W. Paul, Jr., 33°, reported that thus far seventy-two (72) petitions had been received for the "200 for Bob Reunion." He urged continuing enthusiasm, and work towards the successful goal of "200 candidates."

Brother Marion Opphile appointed the following nominating committee to present a slate of officers for 1978-1979 to be elected and installed at the December meeting:

S. Frank Noble, Jr., 33°
Leonard T. Barrington, 33°
Oscar Aldridge, 32°

The benediction was given by Bro. Johnny West, 33°.

Clifford W. Heath, Secretary

Letters of Appreciation:

The family of Edward C. Howard
Mrs. Charles V. Rogers

Wilson County Scottish Rite Rite Club

The regular meeting of the Wilson County Scottish Rite Club was held on Oct. 4, 1978 at Parker Barbecue located on Rt. U.S. 301, South in Wilson.

The invocation was given by Guest Member brother Horce Harwell and dinner served at 7:15 P.M.

After dinner President Marvin Evans opened the meeting with a talk and reqest for Candidates for the November Reunion in New Bern — "200" for Bob Class.

President Evans then asked for a report from the Nominating Committee which he had appointed at the September Meeting.

Yours truly J. Purcell as Chairman, reported on the Committee Meetings and placed the following names of brothers in Nomination for Officers of Wilson County Scottish Rite Club for the ensuing year. For President, Brother Ray M. Adams, Vice President Brother Eunice S. Sasser, Secretary Brother Bobby R. Parker, Treasurer Brother James B. Winbourne.

There being no nominations from the floor brother Percy Furell made a motion that the nominations be closed, seconded by brother William Honeycutt and the motion was carried.

Brother Evans again urged all Scottish Rite Members to support the "200 for Bob" Membership drive and reminded everyone of the November ladies Nite sponsored by New Bern at the Masonic Temple on West Nash St. in Wilson.

There being no further business the

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meeting was closed in harmony by Bro. Evans at 9:15 P.M.

J. Purcell, 32°
Secretary

THANKSGIVING SONG

All around our noble land
The freedom bells are ringing.
From East to West, from North to South,
Ten thousand choirs are singing,
Singing praises to our God
For His great and complete salvation,
For giving us a chance to be
A great and called-out nation.

All around our abundant land,
From sea to shining sea,
Our fields are full of golden grain -
An abundance for you and me,
With enough left over to feed the world,
A poor and starving world
Enough for every man and woman
And for every boy and girl.

All around our blessed land
The battle fields are still,
Cattle are grazing peacefully
Upon a thousand hills
Peace and Love and great concern
Rules across our land
And hearts and hands reach out with love
To each and every man.

All around our ordained land,
A land God has ordained,
A land God has established
To perpetuate His name
From East to West, from North to South
More than two million strong
This is the day to praise God's name
With a great Thanksgiving Song.

J. Garland Metts, 32°

In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

David F. Hill, 32°, Metairie, La.	August 4, 1978
Herman Boyd Overman, 32°, Rocky Mount, N. C.	September 28, 1978
James C. Ridoutt, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	September 30, 1978
Burris D. Horton, Jr., 32°, Tracy, Calif.	September 22, 1978
Harold C. Mallard, 32°, Trenton, N. C.	October 5, 1978
Thomas Jasper Hewitt, 32°, Wilmington, N. C.	October 6, 1978
Jennings Bryan Ruffin, 32°, Ahoskie, N. C.	September 9, 1978
Edward Hoel Foley, 32°, Burlington, N. C.	October 2, 1978
Walter Andrew Quinn, 32°, Forest Park, Ga.	August 30, 1978
George W. Wheeless, 32°, Nashville, N. C.	October 1, 1978
Zora A. Hardee, 32°, Enfield, N. C.	October 15, 1978
Melvin E. Bunch, 32°, Edenton, N. C.	October 19, 1978
Edward Lee Potts, 32°, Edenton, N. C.	October 18, 1978
Dr. Simeon Aaron Nathan, 32°, K.C.C.H., Lumberton, N. C.	October 18, 1978
Vilton Hazel Gaskins, 32°, Morganton, N. C.	October 24, 1978
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